



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

Hiroyuki KUMAGAI, et al.

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For:

OSTEOCLAST DIFFERENTIATION INHIBITORS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: